

Attached Tentative Schedule

NOTE: the Conference will begin on Wednesday, August 29 and end at noon on September 1.

## **CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> International Mines Rescue Conference**

**Hosted by the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)  
U.S. Department of Labor**

The Organizing Committee is requesting abstracts for presentations at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Mines Rescue Conference to be held **August 29, 30, 31, and September 1, 2007**, at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Optional observation of Coal mine rescue team competition August 27, 28 and Optional mine tour (Coal or Metal and Nonmetal) will be available on August 28 & 29.**

This conference will be held at the same location as the biannual, National Coal Mine Rescue Contest. International conferees will have the opportunity to observe the mine rescue contest and to tour a coal and/or a metal/nonmetal mine.

The overall topic for the conference is **Effective Mine Emergency Operations**. Suggested subtopics include:

- Mine Emergency Command Center Operations
- Mine Emergency Organization
- Responsibilities During Mine Emergency Operations
- Methods for Emergency Decision-Making
- Information Required for Effective Decision-Making
- The Effects of Stress and Fatigue on Emergency Decision-Making
- On-site Management of Mine Rescue Teams
- Risk Assessment to ensure Mine Rescue Team Safety
- Legal Responsibilities
- Effective Communications During Mine Emergency Operations
- Mobilizing Mine Rescue Teams
- Best Practices

Abstracts should be a maximum of 600 words written in Microsoft Word. Formal papers are not required, but will be accepted and distributed to conferees.

Accepted presentations should be submitted in Microsoft PowerPoint format. Once submitted, the presentations become the property of the Organizing Committee and will be distributed to all conferees. Presentations should be a maximum of 20 minutes in length; 5-10 minutes will be allowed for a Question and Answer session after each presentation is concluded. The presentations must be in English; the presenter may have an interpreter.

Send abstracts by email to: Hazel Haycraft at: [haycraft.hazel@dol.gov](mailto:haycraft.hazel@dol.gov). Abstracts must be received by January 2, 2007.

Once the abstract is accepted, a PowerPoint presentations should be submitted by the presenter and received by June 1, 2007, include a short biography of the speaker written in Microsoft Word, and be accompanied by a recent photo in jpeg format.

### **Tentative Agenda**

**Sunday** – August 26, 2007 Early Registration available at the Opryland Hotel

**Monday** – August 27, 2007 Registration available  
Attend Bench and First Aid Contests  
Evening Activity to be determined

**Tuesday** – August 28, 2007 Registration available  
Mine Tours (Coal or Metal / Nonmetal), or  
Attend Mine Rescue Contests  
Evening Activity to be determined

**Wednesday** – August 29, 2007

7:30 a.m. Registration  
**International Mines Rescue Conference Begins**  
8:30 – 11:00 a.m. IMRB meeting for board members only  
all other attendees are invited to observe mine rescue contest  
Break for Lunch  
  
1:00 Conference begins  
Keynote speaker  
Presentation of papers  
  
Evening Activity to be determined

**Thursday – August 30, 2007**

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| 7:30 a.m. | Registration available |
| 9:00 a.m. | Presentation of Papers |
| 7:00 p.m. | Evening Activities     |

**Friday – August 31, 2007**

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| 9:00 a.m. | Presentations Continue |
| 6:00 p.m. | Evening Activities     |

**Saturday – September 1, 2007**

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| 9:00 a.m.  | Mine Rescue Decision-Making Scenarios |
| 12:00 p.m. | Closing Lunch                         |